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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of January 9, 2009, please consider the following:

**Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.